IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Choo

Title: Automatic Network Load Balancing Using Self-Replicating Resources

Serial No: Not yet assigned

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 6, line 1 Delete "or claim 4".

Claim 17, line 1 Delete "or claim 15".

Claim 27, line 1 Delete "or claim 23".

Claim 43, line 1 Delete "or claim 39".

REMARKS

Prior to calculating the filing fee, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. This amendment is submitted to remove the multiple dependent claims in

this application.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, it is requested that applicants attorney be telephoned at the numbers listed below prior to issuing an action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: March 1, 2002

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